

AMERICA A MECCA FOR BALLOONISTS

Count de la Vaulx Says Conditions Are Ideal.

ASCENSION AT WEST POINT

Will Use 'Second Largest Carrier.' Flights Over Ocean Still Too Dangerous.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Count de la Vaulx, the famous French aeronaut, was in conference today with Cortland Field Bishop and other officers of the Aero Club, of America, and M. Levee, the French aeronaut who recently made a sixty-mile trip by balloon from West Point. He made further arrangements for the ascent from West Point next Sunday, for which he probably will use his second largest balloon, L'Orient, capable of carrying one other person besides himself.

Denver to Washington in Forty Hours.

"There is no question in my mind," said the count, "that this country is far the best for experiments on a large scale in aerial navigation. In the first place, its great size makes it possible to arrange for long flights. Your prevailing westerly air currents would make a trip from Denver to New York easily possible. I believe the trip from Denver to Washington could be comfortably covered in forty hours."

While we are still debilitated from crossing the Atlantic, we can vouch for the security of a balloon above an inland sea, such as any of your Great Lakes. We are able to do this through an apparatus known as starlinators, an apparatus devised by M. Heine and myself. So such great stretches of water as the Baltic sea, the Mediterranean, or Lake Superior or Lake Michigan have no terrors for us any more.

May Cross Ocean Some Time.

"I even think the time is coming, and coming soon, when the Atlantic, or even the Pacific, ocean can be passed over safely by balloons. That day will not come, however, until the balloon can be directed as certainly in the horizontal plane as in the vertical."

"But as things are now, the ocean is a dangerous snare. Maritime ascensions differ greatly from voyages over the land. When an emergency arises over the land necessitating an immediate descent it can be made, but over the sea the balloon must be left aloft until the coast or a vessel is reached."

BIG RED CROSS MEETING AT BELASCO ON FRIDAY

Several Speakers Will Tell of Work of Organization in Field, Including Secretary Taft.

The District of Columbia branch of the Red Cross will hold a meeting at the Belasco Theater Friday, March 30, at 4:30 p. m., to which the public is invited. The purpose of this meeting is to acquaint the public more with the purpose and work of the Red Cross. The meeting will be presided over by Commissioner H. B. Macfarland. The speakers will be: William H. Taft, Secretary of War; David A. DeArmond, M. C.; Simon Wolf, Miss Mabel T. Boardman, Col. Valery Havard, U. S. A., who will describe the Russian service, and Capt. Charles Lynch, who will tell of the Japanese work. Persons who desire to attend can obtain admission cards at the Red Cross office, 825 Colorado Building. The American National Red Cross has made another remittance of \$5,000 through the State Department, to the Japanese Red Cross for the relief of the famine sufferers, making in all \$20,000 which has been sent through the American Red Cross for the relief of the famine districts of Japan.

When You have a Bad Breath



Food does not tickle them enough to make them act. That's Constipation! Castor Oil, or "Physic" will help to slide out one load of trouble, but they can't help the Cause.

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When your Bowel-Muscles grow flabby they need Exercise to strengthen them—not "Physic" to pamper them.

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WILL REVOLUTIONIZE CENSUS-TAKING METHODS

A Punch Instead of Pen.

The use of a punch instead of a pen by the 10,000 enumerators in the field will revolutionize census-taking methods. Instead of laboriously writing out the information, the enumerator will simply punch it in the card.



Punch and Specially Prepared Cards Will Displace Old System.

A punch instead of a fountain pen will doubtless be the recording instrument of the 10,000 field enumerators of the next decennial census. If present plans can be perfected mechanically, as seems probable, a revolution in census-taking methods is promised. The story is simple.

Of recent years the enumerator with a fountain pen wrote in the answers to the questions which he put to the people of the country, in the spaces provided for the blank forms for that purpose. This material was shipped into the Census Office here as "raw material." More than 1,000 clerks in the last census were engaged for a year in punching this information into cards, so that electrical tabulating machines might do the rest. The machine's almost human fingers passed over the cards and wherever a hole had been punched, an electric contact resulted which added one to the count of the particular qualification or characteristic which the punch denoted.

Will Save One Process.

Next time, Dr. North proposes to let the enumerator in the field punch the card. The punch system eliminates one process, or at least one process to which human minds must attend. It is quite possible that another set of cards will have to be prepared from those which the enumerators execute, in order to correct inaccuracies in the location of the holes, but this correction, the inventors say, can be done by machine. They can feed into it cards containing the irregularities of human touch, and there will come out on the other side of the machine cards recording the same information, but with holes of strict mechanical accuracy and regularity. The enumerator can "jot down his

facts" in half the time that it took him to write them. If he punches the wrong place through accident, or because his subject changes an answer—such as deciding that he is thirty-nine years old, after he has given the enumerator his age as forty—what happens? The pneumatic tire of the safety bicycle suggests the remedy. The enumerator pastes on the back of the card an adhesive wafer, which would close off the electric connection, and he makes a new punch. This is really quicker than the use of a rubber erasure under the pencil system.

Patents Have Expired.

This development of Census Office work is an outgrowth of the efforts of the establishment to make its own tabulating machines. The basic patents of the Hollerith Tabulating Machine Company, covering and controlling the whole system of mechanical tabulation by the punched card system, expired on January 8, last. Anybody is now at liberty to build and use the machines upon which both the Eleventh and Twelfth censuses were tabulated, without the payment of rent or royalty to anybody.

Under these circumstances and seemingly without infringing at any point Mr. Hollerith's later patents, the Census Office proposes, under the authority granted by Congress a year ago to construct an apparatus simpler, cheaper, and more expeditious than any yet devised, which the Government can build and operate for about 10 per cent of the sum it must otherwise pay in royalties, if it attempts to use automatic machinery at the Thirteenth census. The Hollerith Tabulating Machine Company has been asked to name a price at which it would sell to the Government the right to use all its mechanisms covered by live patents, with the privilege of further developing them along the Government's own lines.

Director North indicated his entire willingness to submit to Congress any proposition the company would make to sell its rights, apparatus and any possibility of conflict with its patents. No answer to this suggestion has ever been received. The company's objection to these plans, as the Census Office understands it, rests on the ground that the Government ought not to enter into competition with private parties, in

CARD ENUMERATOR WOULD CARRY.

This card, which has been made up in the Census Office for purposes of experiment, shows the general scheme. The list under "Place of birth of this person" would be repeated under the two similar columns adjoining, which in the model have been left blank.

THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. Card No. 1

State of _____ Supervisor's District No. _____

County of _____ Enumeration District No. _____

Name of person whose place of abode was in this family _____

Relationship of each person to the head of the family: Head, Wife, Son, Daughter, Servant, Lodger, Boarder, Other.

Place of birth of each person and parents. If born in the United States, give the State or Territory, if of foreign birth, give the Country only.

Place of birth of this person _____

Place of birth of father _____

Place of birth of mother _____

Age at last birthday _____

EDUCATION: Can read, Can write, Can read and write.

CITIZENSHIP: Born Naturalized, of Foreign Birth.

KIND OF HOME: Own, Rented, Other.

OCCUPATION: Write, occupation, trade or profession, of person of age 15 and over.

To be punched in Census Bureau.

any field of work where it has granted patents.

The Appropriations Committee of Congress are greatly pleased with what they see of the new scheme. It accords also with President Roosevelt's idea of how public business should be transacted.

It may be safely predicted that the time which elapses between the gathering of material and the publication of results will be cut in two. The six months which the country had to wait to learn the total population last time will be reduced to three. The census of China's 400,000,000 people can at last be taken cheaply and effectively, if the revolving old empire ever so decides. And the machinery for this new system is so nearly perfected that the results predicted in this article, as "probable," may be regarded as practically assured.

EULOGIES IN THE HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Samuel of Pennsylvania, the House of Representatives fixed Sunday, April 15, as the day for the delivery of eulogies in the House on the life, character, and services of the late Representative George R. Patterson of Pennsylvania.

On the same day eulogies will be delivered in memory of Representatives March, Finckney, and Castor.

Major Sylvester Scoffs At Epidemic of Thievery

Declares There Has Been No More Thefts Within Last Ten Days Than in Any Similar Period.

There is no epidemic of petty thievery in Washington, according to Major Sylvester, Superintendent of Police. Persistent reports to that effect, he declares, are greatly exaggerated. Major Sylvester said today: "Petty thieves have always operated in this city, otherwise there would be no need of the police force. So far as I have been informed there have been no more thefts in Washington within the past week or ten days than in any of similar period of time. The detectives

under Captain Boardman are competent and capable and will attend to any case that demands serious attention. Within the past ten days there has been no loss of property where near \$100. "This city is not being overrun by thieves, nor is there any flood of thieves in Washington. The Police Department does not pretend to recover everything that is lost on the street, but it is liable for things that are stolen and every effort is being made by the police and detectives at the present time to apprehend the culprit in every larceny case we have on our books."

KIT CARSON POST WILL CELEBRATE TONIGHT

Veterans Will Observe the Thirtieth Anniversary of Existence of Organization.

The thirty-ninth anniversary of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., will be celebrated at 8 o'clock this evening in the main hall at Grand Army headquarters, 1412 Pennsylvania avenue. Address, songs, and recitations will make up a program of unusual entertainment and everything indicates a successful and patriotic celebration. C. S. Wilder, post commander, will deliver the address of welcome and the principal speaker will be the Rev. Dr. George Bailey. Others who will participate in the program will be Miss Mary Buford Smith, Mrs. E. S. Gee, Miss Laura Collison, Mrs. E. V. Wilcox, Arthur E. Middleton, George H. Lillie, and the Takoma Chorus, under the direction of James W. Dyer. Two important features of the program will be the trouping of the colors and singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," and a series of bugle calls by a trumpeter from Fort Myer. Robert Armour is chairman of the entertainment committee.

JEALOUS SUITOR KILLS RIVAL, GIRL, AND SELF

DALLAS, Tex., March 28.—At 1 o'clock this morning W. T. Walker shot and instantly killed Grover Record and Myrtle Smith and then killed himself. Record and Miss Smith had just returned to the Smith home when Walker attacked them. Jealousy was the cause of the double murder and suicide.

PEOPLES OF PHILIPPINES.

"The Peoples of the Philippines" was the subject of an interesting and instructive lecture delivered last night by Dr. Albert E. Jenks before the members and guests of the Anthropological Society, at the rooms of the Cosmos Club. The subject was also discussed by W. E. Stafford, who at one time was governor of the Island of Guam.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY GETS SUCCESSFUL TEST

Interesting Transmission of Messages Takes Place at Points Near Arlington, Va.

One of the most successful tests in wireless telegraphy in or around Washington took place yesterday near Arlington, Va., when messages were exchanged between the station of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell at that place and the De Forrest stations at various points. The message which came from the farthest point was from the steamer Bermudian, 100 miles out from New York and 350 miles from the Arlington station.

The tests were signally successful. The test kites were between 1,200 and 1,700 feet in the air. They carried a steel wire, to which were attached about 400 feet of antenna wire.

A. P. Potter, of the United States Weather Bureau, stood at the end of the line with his hand on the wire. With his other hand he clapped that of G. D. MacDonald, who held the receiver. The messages were thus transmitted through the bodies of the two men. The longest and most important message took about ten minutes in transmission.

Y. M. C. A. LAW CLUB SELECTS ITS OFFICERS

The Law Club, of the Young Men's Christian Association, has elected three officers: A. H. McCormick, president; H. K. Daugherty, vice president, and Frank Buren, secretary. These officers will also act as an executive committee of the organization.

The following are the members of the court and counsel who will participate in the next case tried before the club: Chief Justice H. K. Daugherty; associate justices, J. W. Crawford and Frank Buren; counsel for the plaintiff, H. C. Long and F. P. Barker; counsel for the defendant, J. W. Howell and H. C. Cooke.

TIME TO PURIFY YOUR BLOOD

Spring is nature's time for renewing and changing; everything puts on new life, the sap rises in vegetation, the earth thaws out from its Winter freezes and all respond to Spring's call to purge and purify themselves. The change in the vegetable kingdom is no greater than the change which takes place in our physical systems at this season, and few undergo it without evidence of disorder.

During the Winter months we live a shut-in life as much as possible, breathing the impure air of closed rooms and heated buildings; we indulge our appetites eating more of the heavier, richer foods, and take less exercise. As a result the blood grows thick and sluggish, the members whose duty it is to carry off the refuse of the body get dull and inactive from the lack of exercise, etc., and leave the waste matter in the system to sour and form impurities and acids which are taken up by the blood and distributed through its circulation. Then as warmer weather comes on and we change our mode of living, the blood is aroused from its torpid state and stirred to quicker action and begins to throw off these accumulations, causing Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Acne, rashes, pimples, scaly eruptions and itching, burning skin diseases of various kinds.

In its efforts to rid the system of these accumulated poisons, the blood calls upon every member to assist, but the system is often unequal to the struggle; the energies give way, the appetite grows fickle, the spirits are depressed and a general run-down condition is the result. To others the return of Spring means the return of disease, for warmer weather is sure to force out the seeds and poisons of old chronic troubles which have, perhaps, lain dormant in the system during the Winter months.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PURIFY YOUR BLOOD. Nature must be assisted, and if we wish to pass this trying period of the year free from disorders and disease we must have our blood in good condition. S. S. S. is nature's remedy, being made from the roots, herbs and barks of the forests and fields, and has long been recognized as the "King of Blood Purifiers" and the greatest of all tonics. It goes down into the circulation and removes gently but thoroughly every particle of impurity or humor that may be there, restores lost energy, builds up the appetite, and steadily and pleasantly tones up the entire system by its fine purifying and tonic effects. S. S. S. neutralizes any excess of acid in the blood, making it fresh and pure, and cures Eczema, Tetter, Acne and all skin eruptions and diseases promptly and permanently. It adds to the blood the rich, healthful properties it is in need of, and in every way prepares the system for the change from Winter to Spring. S. S. S. cures Rheumatism, Catarrh, Sores and Ulcers, Contagious Blood Poison, and any and all diseases arising from an impure or poisoned state of the blood, and so thoroughly does it eradicate the cause that no signs of the trouble are ever seen in after years. S. S. S. is not an experiment but a success, and during its forty years of existence it has so thoroughly proven its worth that it is now the most widely known and used blood purifier on the market. One great point in its favor is that it does not contain the slightest trace of mineral to damage any of the delicate parts of the system which are naturally upset and somewhat deranged at this season. If you have any evidences of a weak or impure condition of the blood begin the use of S. S. S. and get the system prepared for the depressing Summer months which are to follow. Book on the blood and medical advice free.

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